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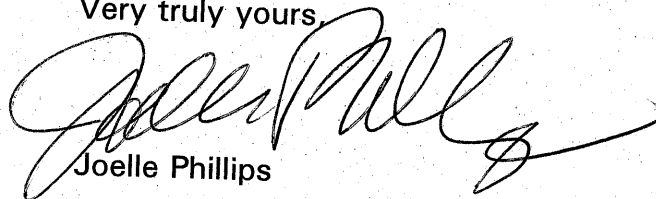
Hon. Sara Kyle, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Proposed Rules for the Provisioning of Tariff Term Plans and Special Contracts*
Docket No. 00-00702

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth's Statement of Status of Settlement Negotiations. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,



Joelle Phillips

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cc: Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate
Hearing Officer

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Proposed Rules for the Provisioning of Tariff Term Plans and Special Contracts*

Docket No. 00-00702

STATEMENT OF STATUS OF SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") files this Statement of Status of Negotiations as directed by the Hearing Officer and respectfully shows the Hearing Officer as follows:

Since the Pre-Hearing Conference in this docket, the parties have continued to make arrangements to meet and discuss issues relating to contract service arrangements in Tennessee. To date, representatives of both CLECs and ILECs have met with representatives of both the Attorney General's Office and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Attorney General's Office. In addition, representatives of CLECs and ILECs have met individually. Further meetings are scheduled during the weeks of September 23, 2002, and October 1, 2002.

In connection with the meetings described above, the parties continue to evaluate the legal issues relating to the CSA issue, the practices in other states relating to negotiated contracts and the market for various services in Tennessee.

At this time, BellSouth believes that continued negotiation remains productive and fruitful. BellSouth believes that continued negotiation may result in settlement or narrowing of various issues related to this docket. BellSouth will

continue to provide the Authority with further reports regarding the status of these negotiations as directed by the Hearing Officer's Order.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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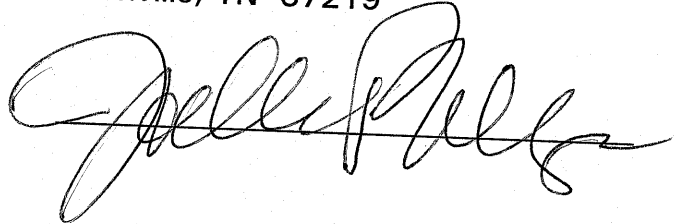
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